

## ARMY DWINDLING, TAFT ASKS MORE PAY FOR SOLDIERS

Secretary Also Calls for \$6,488,000 to Fortify Manila and Subig Bay.

GIVES CONGRESS A RAP.

In Annual Report He Insists That Pressing Military Needs Be Considered.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Secretary Taft is a strong advocate of increased pay for the army, and his annual report just sent to Congress completely dispels any doubt that may exist as to the Secretary's position. The report begins with a formidable presentation of figures showing the rapid decrease in the strength of the regular army in recent years (the loss last year being 4,125 men), and the pressing need for officers to replace those now detailed on recruiting duty or as military instructors in educational institutions. The Secretary declares that while many reasons have been advanced to explain the difficulty, a sufficient one is to be found in the inadequacy of army pay.

Millions for Defense.

Among the estimates submitted in the report is an item of \$4,888,000 for the construction of batteries at Manila and Subig Bay. This estimate appears in connection with others for the insular possessions, and the only comment made upon it in the report is this: "The places recommended for fortification have all been visited by one or more members of the National Coast Defense board and the suitability for fortification sites has been carefully studied by the board, and expenditures are being made accordingly."

"Discussing the pay of army men, Secretary Taft says:

"I think it quite probable that an increase in the pay of the enlisted men, including considerable additional inducement for men to enlist and such reasonable increase in the pay of non-commissioned officers as would stimulate men to remain in the service and to qualify themselves for these higher positions, would have a markedly beneficial effect upon the recruitment of the army."

Power for Roosevelt.

So the Secretary earnestly favors the adoption for the army of the naval system, under which the President is authorized to fix the rates of pay within defined limits, as a means of obtaining a better discipline and a higher efficiency. He also recommends the creation of a general service corps to relieve the soldiers of the various branches of military work they are now called upon to perform.

In his opinion the military service should be so attractive and desirable that it will not be difficult to get and hold the class of men needed for the enlisted personnel, and to make army service a life work, as it used to be, by offering rewards for proficiency and greater increase of pay for length of service.

The regular army last year lost 120 officers and 20,339 enlisted men, and although it was a year of peace, it is the officers and 38 of the men were killed in action or died of wounds and disease.

New Philippines Post.

The Secretary has decided to create one of the new regimental posts at Baguio in the Philippines, and has appropriated for the purpose. He also urges an enlargement of Fort McKinley reservation near Manila by 6,000 acres at a cost of \$15,000 and the construction of an electric railroad from Camp Overyon on the north shore of Mindanao to Camp Keithley on Lake Lanao in the center of the Moro country.

He compares Baguio to the Adirondacks in a wilderness and climate and says that nothing could be of greater value to the army than a post at that point where every regiment in the island might be sent at some time during the tour of duty in the islands.

A profound conviction of the import-

## COURT NAMES RECEIVER FOR 3DAVE. ROAD

Judge Lacombe Appoints F. W. Whitridge Upon Application of Bondholders.

Judge Lacombe, in the United States Circuit Court to-day, after listening to counsel representing various bond interests in connection with the Third avenue road, appointed Frederick W. Whitridge, an attorney of this city, receiver of that road.

Although there was marked opposition to the appointment of a receiver at this time, the Court said that the committee of bondholders, represented by John M. Bowers, who made the application for the receivership, and represented also an ownership of \$22,000,000 of the second mortgage bonds of the Third avenue road out of a total issue of \$47,500,000, was entitled to the appointment of a receiver.

Judge Lacombe also took occasion to make a few pointed remarks regarding criticism of receivers of public service corporations. Such receiverships, he declared, are at best thankless tasks requiring a great deal of time and labor.

There has been, he said, much unfounded criticism concerning such receiverships and there seems to be a tendency at the present time, no matter how good a man's reputation, to believe that he was acting in the interests of either his friends or himself.

There were men, Judge Lacombe declared, of high standing willing to accept such offices at the request of the court, men who were willing to discharge their duties honorably and work for the best interests of the stock and bondholders and the public generally.

Mr. Bowers, in his argument, told how the road came into the possession of receivers John and Robinson through the Metropolitan Street Railway receiverships. Now that the property's income had been passed by the receivers, he insisted, it was but the right of its clients, owning \$22,000,000 of the corporation's bonds, to have a separate receiver to protect their interests and to collect the daily income of the property.

Mr. Elkins, representing other bondholders, objected to Mr. Whitridge chiefly on the ground that his appointment had been suggested by the bondholders' committee.

## CONFESSED BRIBE-TAKER DROPS DEAD IN HOME.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Former Supervisor Thomas F. Loneragan dropped dead at his home here to-day. He was one of the members of the Board of Supervisors, who confessed having received bribes of the United Railways, the telephone company and other corporations.

ance of the subject leads the Secretary to earnestly advise Congress to give heed to the pressing needs of the military department, which, the said is made, it has overlooked, notwithstanding attention has been repeatedly called to it. The Secretary says:

"The failure to make proper and adequate provision for caring for the health of the soldier of the army in the time of war and this can only be done by creating a sufficiently large body of competent surgeons with military knowledge and training—not only to prolong the struggle and invigorate the country in expenditure of money far in excess of the actual cost of making proper provision in advance, but most deplorable of all, brings anxiety and sorrow to households all over the land and condemns many promising youths to unnecessary suffering and possibly to a premature grave."

Accompanying the report are the estimates for the support of the military establishment during the next fiscal year, they being \$15,529,381 greater than last year's appropriations. By far the greatest part of the increase (more than 80 per cent.) is for coast defense works, of which about \$21,700,000 is required for the United States and \$14,800,000 for the insular possessions.

## COURT CONDEMNS THE EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW

Is Unconstitutional, Federal Judges Hold in Finding for Railroads.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—In an opinion by Justice White, the Supreme Court of the United States to-day held to be unconstitutional the Congressional enactment of June 11, 1906, known as "the Employers' Liability Law," making railroads and other common carriers responsible to employees in accidents due to the negligence of fellow-servants or to ineffective appliances.

The decision of the lower courts was affirmed. There were two cases before the court, involving the question of the validity of the law, one of them being the case of Demasle Howard, administratrix of her husband, Will Howard, a locomotive fireman, who was killed in an accident on the Illinois Central Railroad, near Memphis, Tenn., and the other that of N. C. Brooks, administratrix and mother of Morris S. Brooks, a fireman who was killed on the Southern Pacific road in Nevada.

The Howard case was tried in the United States Circuit Court of the Western District of Tennessee, with Judge McCall presiding, and the Brooks case in the United States Circuit Court for the Western District of Kentucky, with Judge Walter Evans on the bench.

In the former case damages amounting to \$35,000 were demanded, while in

the latter the sum was fixed at \$9,000. The railroads fought both cases in the trial courts and in the Supreme Court, and in each case obtained a verdict against the complainants on the ground of the unconstitutionality of the law. Judge Evans and Judge McCall followed the same line of reasoning in reaching their conclusions, both holding the law to be invalid on the double ground that a Congressional enactment could not be made applicable to interstate commerce as they claimed was undertaken in this law, and that protection from accidents in interstate commerce could not be constituted as any part of "commerce" of any kind. Both the Kentucky and Tennessee decisions were affirmed by Justice White's opinion on the ground that the law is not confined to the regulation of the business of interstate carriers, but undertakes to regulate their dealings with their employees.

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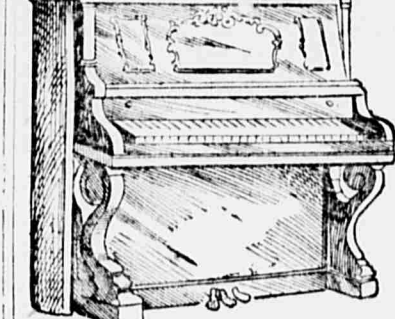
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